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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: NYERERE AND MAY 31 LETTER

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1962; STATE 134365; AND BUJUMBURA 0415 AND 0416

1. BELIEVE BASIS NYERERE'S REACTION TO SECOND LETTER FROM STUDENTS DATED MAY 31 IS HIS BELIEF PRP NOW SOUNDING LIKE AFRICAN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. NYERERE HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH SUCH MOVEMENTS AND BELIEVES HE IS CONFIDENT HE CAN HANDLE PRP. FURTHER, IF NYERERE'S ASSUMPTION CORRECT THAT PRP IS LEGITIMATE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, THEN PRP KIDNAPPING OF STUDENTS IS INEXCUSABLE, IS ACT OF BANDITS NOT REVOLUTIONARIES AND MUST BE RENOUNCED BY PRP MEMBERS IF THEY ARE TO CLEAR RECORD AND RE-ESTABLISH THEIR BONA FIDES AS SINCERE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

2. WHAT IN LETTER SUPPORTS THIS INTERPRETATION BY NYERERE?

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FIRST, WE BELIEVE TONE IS INDEED NEW. WE WOULD SAY NOT ONLY

IS IT PLAINTIVE AND DEFENSIVE, BUT ALSO REFLECTS PUZZLEMENT AND RECOGNITION THAT GOALS AND ACTIONS OF PRP HAVE BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH PARENTS AND OTHERS, WE DO NOT ATTACH SIGNIFICANCE TO MISSPELLING OF BARBARA SMUTS LAST NAME. APPARENTLY STUDENTS HAD JOSHED BARBARA IN TIMES PAST THAT SHE SHOULD CHANGE SPELLING OF HER NAME SOMEWHAT IN ORDER TO AVOID ERRONEOUSLY BEING LINKED TO FORMER SOUTH AFRICA LEADER JAN SMUTS. (NAME WAS SPELLED CORRECTLY IN LETTER ADDRESSED TO DUTCH AMBASSADOR.) WE READ PRP WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT CZECH, RUSSIAN OR CHINESE ARMS AS ANOTHER INDICATION OF PRP SENSITIVITY TO ANY SUGGESTION IT IS NOT TRUE REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION. AS WILL BE RECALLED, TANGOV COMMENTED IN DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL IN PARTICULAR ON THIS ASPECT OF CASE: QTE WHY SHOULD THE SO CALLED REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION INSIST THAT THE ONLY ARMS WITH WHICH IT CAN CARRY OUT ITS ACTIVITIES MUST BE BELGIAN AND AMERICAN? WHAT KIND OF A REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION IS THIS? ARE THE ABDUCTORS TRULY THE VERY PRP WE KNOW OR ARE THEY SOMEONE ELSE'S CREATION OF THE PRP, CONVENIENTLY GROOMED TO WEAR THE PRP YM FITTING INTO A GRAND DESIGN MOOTED AND HATCHED BY THE VERY ENEMIES OF AFRICA TO SUIT THEIR SINISTER DESIGNS AGAINST TANZANIA AND ZAIRE? UNQTE (DAR ES SALAAM 1768) IF PRP FELT IT HAD TO REACT TO THIS CRITICISM OF ITS REQUEST FOR ARMS, THEN IT ALSO HAD TO REITERATE OTHER DEMANDS. PERFUNCTORY MANNER IN WHICH IT NOTED THAT OTHER DEMANDS STILL STAND, HOWEVER, SUGGESTS TO US A DOWNGRADING OF THESE DEMANDS (DAR 1962, PARA 4, SUB-SECTION 4). WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT, HOWEVER, AND WHAT HAD BEEN LEFT OUT IN FIRST LETTERS (PROBABLY INADVERTENTLY) WAS MEANS TO ESTABLISH DIALOGUE. NO QUESTION PRP WANTS TO TALK TO SOMEONE, AND NOT JUST ABOUT KIDNAPPING BUT EVERYTHING PRP IS AND IS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH. FINALLY, WE ARE CONCERNED TOO ABOUT THREAT IN PENULTIMATE PARA MAY 31 LETTER AND APPEAL IN LAST PARA. FORMER MAY BE PRO FORMA, BRAVURA TYPE STATEMENT; WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT MORALE OF STUDENTS IS BETTER THAN THE LAST PARA IMPLIES. OF TWO SENTENCES IN LAST PARA, WE HOPE THE LAST IS ONE THAT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED.

3. TWO OTHER FACTORS MAY BE PERTINENT TO ANALYSIS KIDNAPPING AT THIS POINT. ONE IS THAT EVERY TIME GENERAL AMIN IN UGANDA HAS COMMENTED ON KIDNAPPING, SENIOR LEVELS IN FONMIN HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US ASKING USG REACTION. TANZANIA AND NYERERE IN PARTICULAR WOULD BE SHAMED BEFORE ALL AFRICAN LEADERS IF AMIN WERE TO SECURE SAFE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES. SECONDLY, OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, INCLUDING MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON, ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT TANZANIA JUNE 28 - JULY . MELVIN M. PAYNE, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PRESIDENT, WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN INITIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF GOMBE STREAM RESEARCH CENTER AND IN FINANCIAL BACKING OF

JANE GOODALL. INDEED, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC WAS PRINCIPAL FINANCIER OF PROJECT THROUGHOUT ITS EARLY YEARS. WE BELIEVE IMMINENT VISIT OF THIS GROUP COULD PUT NYERERE UNDER PRESSURE, ALBEIT INADVERTENTLY, TO RESOLVE KIDNAPPING. WE HAVE REPORTED OTHER INDICATIONS AS WELL OF GREATER TANGOV INVOLVEMENT IN KIDNAPPING (DAR 1967).

4. FOR REASONS INTERNAL TO LETTER AS WELL AS POSSIBLY THERE OTHER FACTORS, THEREFORE, BELIEVE NYERERE WELCOMED RECEIPT OF SECOND LETTER AS PROVIDING ADEQUATE GROUNDS FOR HIM TO INVOLVE HIMSELF PERSONALLY IN KIDNAPPING. WE UNDERSTAND, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT HE HAS TALKED OR INTENDS TO TALK, HIMSELF TO PRP DETAINEE WHO WILL BE RELEASED TO RETURN TO PRP CAMP. RELEASED

PRP DETAINEE MAY BE NASIMBU WHO BROUGHT TO DAR FOR QUESTIONING RECENTLY (DAR 1953). WE UNDERSTAND LINE NYERERE WILL TAKE WITH RELEASED PRP MEMBER IS TO STRESS THAT IF PRP IS SINCERE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, AND NOT BUNCH OF BANDITS, IT WILL RELEASE STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY. IN RETURN, RESPONSIBLE TANGOV OFFICIALS WILL THEN TALK WITH PRP ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION, HOPES AND GOALS. TANGOV IS PREPARED RELEASE PRP MEMBERS IN DETENTION AND, IF CONVINCED WORTHINESS OF PRP, MAY EVEN BE ABLE TO FIND WAY TO APPROPRIATELY HELP MOVEMENT. (THIS MAY SOUND UNLIKELY, BUT NYERERE HAS BEEN QUITE WILLING TO INVOLVE TANZANIA IN EFFORTS TO TOPPLE AMIN -- WHICH WELL KNOWN IN KIGOMA-TABORA-MWANZA AREA.) NYERERE EXPECTS POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM PRP TO THIS MANNER OF APPROACH.

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5. IF STUDENTS NOT IMMEDIATELY RELEASED AND PRP TAKES TOUGHER STANCE THAN NYERERE EXPECTS, THEN BRYCESON OR OTHER TANGOV OFFICIAL WILL PROBABLY BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO SHUTTLE BACK AND FORTH FROM KIGOMA TO PRP CAMP TO TRY TO WORK OUT WHAT PRP WILL ACCEPT FOR RELEASE OF STUDENTS.

6. WE PLAN TO STAY CLOSE TO TANGOV AND TO TRY TO ASSURE THAT NOTHING SAID OR DONE WHICH WILL IN ANY WAY POSE THREAT TO WELL BEING OF STUDENTS. AS WE HAVE TRIED TO SUGGEST IN THIS ANALYSIS IT SEEMS TO US THAT PRIMARY TANGOV INTEREST IS SAFE RELEASE OF STUDENTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. TANGOV INTEREST MAY CHANGE OR BE INTERPRETED DIFFERENTLY LATER, BUT AT THIS TIME IT APPEARS THE USG, DUTCH, TANGOV, STUDENTS, AND THEIR PARENTS HAVE COMMON GOAL. WHILE RECOGNIZING WE ARE IN TANZANIA'S BALL PARK AND, THEREFORE THERE ARE LIMITS ON WHAT WE CAN DEMAND IN WAY OF COORDINATION BEFORE ANY ACTION BY TANGOV, WE HAVE STRESSED IN OUR TALKS WITH TANGOV OFFICIALS OUR DESIRE TO BE KEPT INFORMED NOW THAT TANGOV TAKING MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN KIDNAPPING CASE. WE ARE TRYING TO ASSURE THAT BEST INTERESTS OF STUDENTS REMAIN IN FOREFRONT  
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DURING ALL OUR DELIBERATIONS ON THIS MATTER. WE ALSO INTEND TO TALK TO TANGOV ABOUT ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS IT MAY DECIDE TO MAKE ON KIDNAPPING. THERE HAVE BEEN NONE SO FAR TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE. AMBASSADOR MEETING AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON (JUNE 10) WITH BRYCESON TO UNDERSCORE THESE POINTS. WE SEE NYERERE METHOD AS QUIET APPROACH TO PRP WITH MINIMUM OF PUBLICITY, EXCEPT THAT WHICH INEVITABLE WHEN STUDENTS RELEASED.  
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